

ZINC FORD CARS FINE SUGGESTION

Campaign Will Be Made to Interest Henry Ford in Establishing a Factory in the Zinc Mining District

In connection with the reported plans of Henry Ford to construct a new automobile that will sell on the market for approximately \$250, the suggestion has been made to the Chamber of Commerce, and comes from Postmaster Charles Smith, that a campaign be made by those interested in the zinc industry to interest Ford in using zinc in some form in the make-up of his new "boat."

The suggestion is made by Mr. Smith that if it is not possible to interest Ford in making the entire bodies out of zinc, then perhaps it will be possible to get the running boards or some portion of the car made of zinc, a sufficient guarantee that it will open an additional big market for this metal.

It is Mr. Smith's idea that the campaign to interest Ford should be made by the commercial organizations of all the towns and cities in the zinc district and also through a committee named by the Tri-State operators association.

FLAG FOR EVERY SCHOOL HOUSE

"A flag for every school house" may graduate from the motto class and assume the dignity of a law with a mandatory provision. A bill to bring this about introduced by Senator Bergen, was approved yesterday by the senate committee of the whole.

By its terms, it becomes the duty of the school directors or boards of education of every public or proprietary of every private or parochial school in Kansas to purchase a suitable United States flag with flag staff and necessary appliances, and to display the flag upon or near the school grounds during school hours.

Rules and regulations for the proper care of the flag are to be provided and when the weather will not permit it to be otherwise displayed, it shall be placed conspicuously in the principal room of the school house.

Violation of the act would be a fine of from \$1 to \$5.

KAFIR AND FERTILITY

Mr. Carl Payne, a farmer living near Pontana, used 90 pounds of a phosphate fertilizer per acre last year on a field of kafir. That field ripened a good crop of seed, while the fields near by which were planted to the same variety matured very little seed.

Last year, Mr. A. L. Pickrell, of Leon, planted kafir on land which had been in alfalfa for several years. The kafir planted after alfalfa matured well, while neighboring fields that had been planted to kafir several years ripened but little seed.

A farmer near Fern, about three miles southeast of Dennis, planted kafir on land which had not been farmed for two years, but had been allowed to go to weeds. On this land, the kafir matured well while near by fields which had been cropped continuously ripened very little seed.

Is it new varieties of kafir, or renewed fertility which is needed?

J. E. PAYNE,
Agriculturist for Frisco R. R. Parsons, Kansas.

VEAL FROM DAIRY CALVES

While visiting Mr. W. C. Moore, a dairyman who owns a herd of pure-bred Jerseys near Parsons, he killed a five-day-old bull calf. When he started to skin the calf, the meat looked so good that he thought that he would try eating some of it. So the meat was saved, and Mrs. Moore cooked some of the steak from the calf for supper. We all ate it, and found it very good. The dressed calf weighed 25 pounds, and the hide was estimated as worth \$1.50. Counting the dressed veal at 25 cents per pound, this would give a value of \$7.75 for the five-day-old calf, such as had usually been skinned and the carcass thrown to the hogs or the chickens.

This suggests that it may be profitable to let such calves suck their mothers until the milk is good, and then slaughter them, as Mr. Moore did. This way is certainly more profitable than feeding them until they grow up, because all dairy calves are always "weaned" from the best production standpoint. J. E. Payne, Ag-

NOMINATIONS AT CITIZENS CAUCUS

Ticket Is Accepted Generally as a Very Good One but Opposition May Develop

The Citizens Caucus Ticket For Mayor—W. S. Murdock.
For Councilman First Ward—John Griffard.

For Councilman Second Ward—T. P. Lewis.

For Councilman Third Ward—T. H. Tarr.

For Police Judge—J. M. English.

For City Treasurer—J. W. Cook.

For Treasurer School District—C. F. Polster.

For Members of the School Board—Clifford H. Johnson, R. O. Thomas and Rev. John Garretson.

Central Committee—G. W. Staton, Fred Bartlett and Geo. Sikes.

Probably 150 men attended the citizen's caucus in the opera house Wednesday night. General good feeling prevailed and if there was any great dissatisfaction over the nominations it was not exhibited; left to develop later in an opposition ticket, perhaps.

W. S. or "Tod" Murdock, as he is better known, was nominated for mayor by acclamation. Chas. Wells was proposed but he withdrew. Murdock is manager of the Murdock Hardware company, of this city. He came from Galena when the business was established here a couple of years ago. He is a live wire, progressive and experienced in business.

John Griffard, who was nominated for councilman from the First ward, is a mining superintendent who has lived in the city for about three years. His broad experience along development lines will be of special value to the city in the matter of building water works and in street improvements. Mr. Griffard is progressive and stands for the highest standards in civic life.

T. P. Lewis, nominated for councilman from the Second ward is one of the older residents of the city, a business man and well known to everybody.

T. H. or Tom Tarr, nominated for councilman from the Third ward, is comparatively a recent comer to this city, but he is a big man, physically, mentally and in a business way. He is a contractor and just now is building several residences for rental purposes in the south end. Many Third ward voters believe they have got just the man needed in the coming improvement of the city.

The men nominated for the school board are all well known and all men of ability and high standing. R. O. Thomas is a retired farmer and mine owner, formerly served on the County high school board and is a leading Democratic politician.

Clifford Johnson, an architect, has resided in Baxter Springs about two years during which time he has become popular in business and social circles.

Rev. John Garretson, the third man nominated for the school board, needs no introduction. His ability, broadness of vision and popularity is hard to beat. He has a large family and the welfare of the schools is a subject close to his heart.

It is whispered around the street Thursday morning that there will be an opposition ticket but no petitions as yet have been put in circulation.

In order now to get a name on the ticket in opposition to any caucus nominee a petition must be circulated, and when presented to the city clerk earlier than ten days before the election must have names of qualified voters to the number of at least five per cent of the votes cast at the last general election. For a candidate for the council five per cent of the vote of the ward; for mayor five per cent of the vote of the city; for a member of the school board, five per cent of the vote of the school district. Any case a petition must contain at least ten names.

P. C. Dye and sister, Mrs. Edna Jackson, of Burlington, Kan., are here for a visit with their uncle, B. F. Dye, whom they haven't seen in thirty years.

The body of Congressman W. P. Borland of Kansas City, who died of influenza while visiting the area of American occupation in Europe, has been started for home.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASQUERADE BALL

Woman's Club Will Devote Receipts to Making Library Park Improvements

The masquerade ball to be given by the Baxter Woman's Club on the night of St. Patrick's day, Monday, March 17, in Goodenough hall, is deserving of the most liberal support on the part of the public. The ladies of this club have undertaken, as their first work, the beautifying of the library park, which since the digging of the sewer trench, is in a very unsightly condition.

The city is without funds at this time to make any improvement to the park grounds, therefore whatever is done must be financed by this masquerade ball. Everyone interested in beautifying our city should buy a ticket, whether he is a dancer or not; and attend the party too, for provisions will be made to give non-dancers a good time with games and the like in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Several public spirited people are aiding the ladies to make this party a big success. Powell Briscoe has very kindly offered to serve the coffee and cakes gratis. E. H. Schloeman also most graciously donates all the ham for the sandwiches.

Rev. John Garretson, in his talk before the club last week, impressed upon his audience the importance of co-operation if any success in an undertaking is to be achieved.

STAR ITEMS

Misses Grace and Ruth Frazee and Messrs. Joe and Dailey Frazee and Tommy Weakley called at the Fred von Wedell home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Grace Winters and her sister Mrs. Mabel Chadwell, were shopping in Joplin Monday.

Jason and Harry Brittle stopped at the Star school house on their way from Baxter to their home on Dry Branch Monday.

Miss Grace Frazee visited the Baxter Business College last Friday with Miss Florence von Wedell.

Misses Grace Winters and Mary Smith and Messrs. George and Jason Brittle went kodaking on dry branch Sunday afternoon. A very pleasant time was reported.

Mr. Sam Brittle and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Sam Gilmore, at Lincolnville Sunday.

Buster Winters visited Raymond Smith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Amos visited relatives and friends in Chetopa Saturday.

Clara Adams returned to school Monday after a few days absence.

Messrs. Dory Weakley, Russell Lamb and Harry Brittle called to see Mr. Alva von Wedell Sunday morning.

JACK-RABBIT DRIVES TO HELP OUT RED CROSS

Garden City, Kan., March 11.—Hunting jack rabbits is no longer a pastime in Finney County—it is a business.

Hunters here are getting their fill of airing, rifle practice, and sport and at the same time are co-operating with their neighbors in an active and well organized plan to rid the county of these pests.

The farm bureau here reports that more than 115,000 rabbits have been killed within the past winter.

CHETOPA HIGHWAY CONCRETE ROAD

Road to Be Built Between Baxter and Picher Seems to Be Opinion of Many as Be On This Route

The concrete road between Baxter and Picher was again the important subject for decision by the Tri-State operators at their regular noon-day luncheon at Picher Wednesday, when there were more than 200 men present. A report, declaring that if the road is built it must evidently be along the Chetopa highway, was made by both M. W. Latimer and Charles Wells, representing the concrete road committee of the operators. The chairman of the committee, M. V. Eardley, was not present, and it was decided to await a recommendation from the committee before taking action.

A distinct feature of Wednesday's meeting was an address on the League of Nations by Congressman Scott Ferris of the Lawton district of Oklahoma, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee and one of President Wilson's right hand bowlers in congress. Ferris appealed for support of Wilson and at the same time declared the present League constitution is subject to amendment by the United States senate and by the governing powers of all other nations that are members.

An address on an outline of the new employees compensation, just passed by the Oklahoma legislature, was given by Judge Thompson of Oklahoma City, the attorney for the employers' association of that state.

Attending from Baxter Wednesday were Fairfax Barnes, Rev. John Garretson, O. M. Spratt, C. M. Sarchet and Lieut. Layman of Joplin, the guest of Rev. Garretson.

LIKE A LITTLE WELCOME, TOO

Enthusiastic over the news of the welcome planned for the Thirty-fifth division in Kansas City, wounded boys from the Missouri-Kansas unit who are in the hospitals in New York, are wondering where they will come in on the proceedings.

"It will be pretty nice for the fellows who are coming back all in one piece," said one young veteran whose crutch took the place of a missing leg. "But what about the fellow who didn't? We'd like a little welcome, too."

"We are told all about the grandstands where the fellows can look for their home folks when they march by, and the feeds and dances they are planning for them back in K. C., but no one has said anything about what's going to happen to us."

There are hundreds of wounded men from the Thirty-fifth in the military hospitals in this country. Wherever they are, say Thirty-fifth division men, they'd like to know that they're not forgotten.

CAINE LOOKING FOR MARES

A. H. Caine, manager of the Chetopa Spelter company's demonstration ranch, northeast of Baxter, is in this locality looking around to buy two draft mares, not over 8 years old and weighing around 1500 pounds each. He is expecting to build up a fine herd of horses on the ranch.

Miss Olga Rotherd, of Davenport, Ia., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hilgert.

COUNTY TO BUILD CONCRETE BRIDGE

Over the Branch at the Foot of East Twelfth Street Hill—Wants City In on Cutting Grade

Calvin Cooper, county engineer, was in the city Wednesday. His business was to confer with the city council relative to the improvement of the Joplin road approach to the city, this side of Spring river bridge.

Mr. Cooper states that the county has let the contract for a new concrete bridge at the foot of the hill. Work will be started at once. Besides erecting the bridge the county will make a considerable fill at the foot of the hill. In this he proposes that the city should co-operate to reduce the grade of the hill from 7 per cent to about 5 1/2 per cent by cutting down the top of the hill and moving the dirt down the hill. Mr. Cooper wants the city to stand the cost of cutting down the hill and moving the dirt to the fill, an expense of possibly \$1000. He points out that by so doing the approach to the city from the east would be greatly improved, and the reduction of the pull would prove a great economy to truck owners and autoists.

Owing to the fact that the council was engaged Tuesday night on water works problems Mr. Cooper was unable to present his proposition to the council, but he hopes to get a conference soon. The plan suggested is no doubt a good one; the lowering of the grade must be done some time and while the county is at work on the bridge, would be the opportune time for the city to get busy and cut the top off the hill.

The subject, it seems, ought to engage the attention of the promoters of the concrete road from Joplin to Miami.

Misses Clover Gaba, Louise Covey, Gail Hamilton, Marie Page and the young gentlemen, Bill Garretson, Herbert McAbey, Roy Sullivan, were the guests of Frank Fehrenbach of Joplin Tuesday night at a party given at his home on Jackson street.

HAS HAD TWO CAVE-INS

The Miami Mineral Belt railway has suffered two cave-ins recently on the R. O. Thomas farm, just west of Baxter Springs, as a result of the extensive lead finds at a very shallow depth by the Miami Volunteer company. The lead is found just a few feet underground at that point and the excavations caused a cave-in of the railroad track. The railway company repaired the damage, filling the hole with chatts, but the last rain caused the second cave-in at the same point. No particular damage has resulted.

C. W. B. M.

Twenty-six women were in attendance at the Woman's Missionary Society at the Christian church Tuesday afternoon. A well prepared program was carried out by the program committee, Mrs. Beavers and Mrs. Dills, after which Mrs. J. T. Polster gave a splendid address about the Mohammedan women and an instructive talk about Palestine and northern Egypt. The objects shown were quite interesting to everybody present.

Miss Mary Mills of Joplin is visiting Mrs. E. M. Confer and Miss Beatrice Titus.

A. G. Yeager, shoemaker, who accidentally cut an artery in his wrist with a knife a few days ago, is getting in shape for work, although his wrist is stiff and sore.

D. W. Riesling and daughters, Helen and Thelma, were in Columbus Tuesday, attending the funeral of Millard Zikes who recently returned from France. Death came as the result of seasickness.

An enjoyable surprise party was held Monday night in the home of Mrs. W. N. Love, 1203 East Twelfth street in honor of her son, Earle, birthday anniversary. The time was passed informally in games and music after which dainty refreshments were served. Those in attendance were Misses Ora McDonald, Eva Treese, Arretta Rosenstein, Lita Howard, Ruth Howard, Messrs. Geo. Mianer, Arley Shields, Stanton Price, Hilligoss, Garvice Shock, John Gist and others.

CITY COUNCIL WAS IN SESSION

Bids Opened to Furnish Machinery, Labor and Material and Construct the Municipal Water Works Plant

The city council met in regular session Wednesday night. After the reading of and the approval of the previous minutes, the council took up new business.

Appropriation Ordinances
The council passed four appropriation ordinances.

The first was for \$1,055.86 to defray the current expenses.

The second was for \$730.33, paid to J. D. Phipps, as one-third the amount for drilling the deep well.

The third was for \$1,348.88, paid to the Empire Construction Company.

The fourth was for \$1,400 for work on the sewer system.

Opening of Bids
After the routine business the council took up the matter of opening the bids for the construction of Baxter's municipal water plant.

The Mayor and one councilman were selected to make a record of the bids. The city clerk then got busy and the bids were opened.

The first bid was from the Omaha Structural Steel Works, Omaha, Neb. This bid was \$12,800.

The second bid opened was from the Minnesota Steel & Machinery Co., Minneapolis, Minn., and was \$10,569.

The third bid opened was from L. J. Mensch of Chicago. This bid was \$9,150.

The fourth bid opened was from the Des Moines, Iowa, Bridge & Iron Works. This bid was \$12,500.

The fifth, Owings-Shofner & Co., Miami, Okla., power house, oil house and all concrete work, \$23,495.

The sixth, Empire Construction Co., \$32,766.

Seventh, Love & Martin, Joplin, \$23,329.

The eighth bid came from the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works and was \$8,650.

The ninth bid was from the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works and was \$10,100. There were two bids made by this firm.

The tenth bid was from Ray & Son, Baxter, \$22,369.

This constituted all the bids for furnishing the machinery, the labor, the material and completing the construction of the power plant. The time to complete the work by the different bidders ranged from three to four months.

To Furnish Machinery Only
The Borris Roads Machinery Co., Joplin, \$9,213.

United Iron Works, Joplin, \$13,448, two pumps and everything but oil engine.

Keystone Driller Co., Joplin, \$18,618.

Merkle Machinery Co., Kansas City, \$19,000; machinery and equipment.

During the reading by the clerk of the first bids where some bidder was setting forth the advantages and merits of certain methods, the question was raised by Councilman Wells that it was unfair to other bidders who had not gone into detail in this matter, and as the council desired to give all an equally fair chance, he moved that that portion of the bids be dispensed with, which was voted upon and carried by the council.

The bidders were all present and given an opportunity to tell the council of the merits of their pumps, machinery, etc., which they did.

Mrs. Jewel Hudson Kirkman, after a pleasant visit at the home of her friend, Mrs. L. H. Barrett, Jr., left Tuesday night for Garretts, Tex., to join her husband, recently honorably discharged from U. S. Army service.

The A. M. E. church will have a "note burning" next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in honor of cleaning up all the debts of the church and making a "bonfire" out of the notes. A good program will be given in connection with the afternoon service.

Dr. Cannon reports Mr. Pearl Barnes' little boy recovering from a very bad case of diphtheria. They reside near the Velle garage.

C. M. Sarchet, Fairfax Barnes, O. M. Spratt, Rev. John Garretson, of Baxter Springs, and Lieut. Chas. Layman, of Joplin, drove from here to Picher Tuesday afternoon to attend the weekly dinner of the Tri-State Mining Men's association.